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JoAnn Lindman

Dear Sir:

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated January 26, 2004. The Examiner identified Inventions I through V. Invention I was identified as pertaining to claims 1-20 and 33-35. Invention III was identified as pertaining to claims 36-47. Applicants believe that in fact, the Examiner meant to identify the claims pertaining to Invention I as claims 1-20 and 36-47. Claims 33-35 would then pertain to Invention III. In the Office Action, Species I through V were also identified. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Invention I, Species V corresponding to claims 36-41. This election is made

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without traverse except to the extent that Applicants respectfully maintain that the identification of claims corresponding to Inventions I and III should be changed as explained above.

A listing of the claims begins on page 3 of this paper.